(c) In the event of any violation of the approval given to M/s Seagram Manufacturing Ltd. in 1993, appropriate action would lie with the various concerned and relevant authorities after ascertaining the facts and following the due processes of law.

Ban on manufacture and sale of drug-combinations

4594. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to ban manufacture and sale of eight drug combinations as they seem to have no proven therapeutic value or contain ingredients, for which there is no justification;

(b) which are the drug combinations thus banned and the names of manufacturers;

(c) whether Government have been continuously evaluating such drug combinations and whether drugs earlier banned are reappearing under new formulation; and

(d) what is the relevance of multi-vitamin health tonics/capsules to the Indian context and whether Government would examine their therapeutic worth?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has prohibited the manufacture, sale and distribution of eight categories of drug formulations for human use with effect from 1.1.2002 vide Gazette notification GSR 170 (E) dated 12.3.2001. These formulations are prohibited because of no proven therapeutic value or contain ingredients for which there is no justification.

(c) The drug formulations of doubtful therapeutic value/irrational formulations in the country are reviewed by the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), a statutory committee, through its sub-committee. It is continuous process to review such drug formulations in the country. Manufacture and sale of prohibited formulations is in

contravention of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules thereunder.

(d) Vitamins are essential for growth and treatment of deficiencies in human body. Schedule V of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules provide the maximum and minimum level of vitamins in the multi-vitamin preparation.

Disinvestment in Public Sector Fertilizers Plants

4595. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of public sector fertilizers producing plants which are making profits and loss, respectively;

(b) how many of them have been identified for disinvestment;

(c) whether Government propose to close down some loss-making fertilizers plants; and

(d) if so, the names of those plants?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) the details of the profit earned/ loss incurred by the fertilizers Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) during the last three years are given below:

(Rs./Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the PSU	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001 (Prov.)
1	2	3	4	5
1	Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI)	−838.29	−856.68	−966.69
2	Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC)	−514.49	−564.23	−649.61
3	Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL)	−57.95	+23.96	−105.50
4	Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL)	−7.09*	+6.33**	−2.23
5	Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL)	−87.49	−70.18	−78.25
6	Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT)	−48.26	−39.80	−93.47